

TWENTY-NINE CITIES DOOMED; WASHINGTON ONE OF THEM

—Edmund Scribner Stevens.

Aged Soothsayer's Prophecy
of Earthquake, Flood,
and Fire.

JUDGMENT ON FOUR NATIONS

Prognosticator of Events Declares
He's King Cyrus'
Regent.

"Twenty-nine of the largest cities of the world are doomed. Earthquake, flood, and fire will wreak the vengeance of God on the cities and their inhabitants within the next twenty-four months. This wholesale destruction is to be God's judgment on four nations." According to Edmund Scribner Stevens, seventy-two years old, who says he is a prognosticator of events and an astrologer of no mean ability, this is what the world will come to within two years.

A heavy thatch of long gray hair covers the head of the patriarch; his eyes are set deep in his head, and his body is lean.

For more than twelve years Mr. Stevens has been an ardent student of the history of the world. Since last May he claims to have been the recipient of telepathic messages, and claims to have made several true prophecies. Mr. Stevens said today:

Giant Upheaval Due.

"The world is in the throes of an upheaval which will eventually right the earth and make the north pole north and the south pole south, instead of having the earth's axis on a slant. That upheaval will cause flood, fire, and earthquake, and most of the large cities of the world are going to suffer; some of them will be destroyed."

"Within the next two years twenty-six cities in the United States and London, Paris, and Rome will be destroyed."

Diré fates are pictured for some of the doomed cities. New York city will be swallowed in the gaping maw of an earthquake crack. Lake Michigan is going to swell up, hold an overflow meeting in both Chicago and Milwaukee, and will not be content to just meet, but will take Chicago and her sister city back into the hole with her. The aged oracle said he was not sure of the fate



EDMUND SCRIBNER STEVENS,
Washington's Prognosticator of Events in the Attitude of Prophecying the
Destruction of Twenty-nine Cities of the World.

of Buffalo, but that it was one of two things. Either Niagara Falls will start up stream and wash it off the map, or the electric plants along its edges will cross their wires and cause a fire.

The doomed cities in this country are: New York, Albany, Buffalo, Detroit, Lansing, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Richmond, Lebanon, Pa.; Pittsburgh, Columbus, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Louisville, Nashville, Muskogee, Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Louis, Hannover, Mo.; St. Joseph, Mo.; Omaha, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Denver.

Regent for King Cyrus.

The aged prophet tells his prophecies in a purely philanthropic mood. He does not need money, for according to his statements, he is the regent, by royal warrant of King Cyrus the Great, un-

til the time when that most potent monarch shall return to the land of the living and take up the threads where he dropped them, centuries ago. A spiritualist, the aged prophet claims, gave him the warrant.

But more than that—and to show that the world of spirits is for him—he shows a slate-written message from Martin Luther which congratulates him on his appointment.

Mr. Stevens says his duties as king pro tem, do not keep him busy. He also says that he is not electioneering for the office permanently. In case of Mr. Cyrus' failure to return, he will be a staunch supporter of that honorable gentleman the next time he runs for king, and Mr. Stevens says that when Cy comes to earth he will surely be elected.

GEORGE JESSUP DIES SUDDENLY

Internal Revenue Department
Employee Dressing for
Office as Death Came.

While he was dressing to go to his office, where he intended to draw his salary, George Jessup, for more than forty years an employee of the Internal Revenue Department, dropped dead of heart failure in his home, 815 Eighteenth street. Mr. Jessup had been ill for several months, but refused to believe that there was anything serious the matter with him. He was sixty-five years old. Mr. Jessup will be buried tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in Arlington National Cemetery. No arrangements have been made for the funeral, but it is thought that several associates of Mr. Jessup in the Internal Revenue Department will act as pallbearers.

Born in Auburn, N. Y., Mr. Jessup was one of the first to enlist in the civil war. He became a member of the First Regiment, New York Mounted Rifles. At the close of the war he came to Washington.

Mr. Jessup is survived by two sisters, Mrs. David Jones, of Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. S. S. Shedd, of Rome, N. Y., and one brother, Alvin Jessup, of Rochester, N. Y.

HOUSEBREAKING CHARGE AGAINST YOUNG MAN

Leslie N. Davis, twenty-four years old, of 606 N street southwest, was arrested yesterday by Central Office Detectives Parham and O'Brien on a charge of housebreaking.

It is alleged that Davis broke into the cabin of the Mally Siles, Capt. J. C. Bailey, while she was tied at the Eleventh street wharf on November 15, and took a gun and some clothing. Davis said Captain Bailey had given him the articles, but admitted that he had been drinking and did not have a very clear recollection of what happened.

He will be given a hearing in the Police Court tomorrow.

KEEPING TAB ON CALLS, NOT EAVESDROPPING

Putting a Stop to Telephone Abuse in
Navy Department Starts Erro-
neous Report.

It was reported in The Times yesterday, with more or less directness, that Mr. Gauss, private secretary to Secretary Bonaparte of the Navy, had instituted such a close watch upon the use of the telephone system in that department that it amounted to eavesdropping. Such a report was erroneous, giving the wrong impression in regard to the action that had been taken by Mr. Gauss.

Under the Government's contract it is required to pay the telephone company a certain rate per message and the auditing officers of the Government require a statement to be rendered by Mr. Gauss showing the number of calls used. The telephone operator at the Navy Department switchboard therefore is required to keep a record of calls as a basis of payment to the telephone company. No note whatever is taken of the nature of the conversations.

The charges ran so high that an effort was made to ascertain if the bills rendered by the company were correct. It was found a few persons not employed by the Government, but permitted use of the telephone, were abusing the telephone privileges by calling up their homes and other places several times each day and charging the same up to the Government. A quiet suggestion was made by Mr. Gauss to the effect that calls obviously not related to the Government service should be discontinued, and from this started an entirely baseless report that the Government was keeping a check on private telephone conversations.

GINNING COMBINATION IMMINENT IN TEXAS

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 17.—In order to secure control of cotton seed a movement is on foot in Texas to purchase the cotton gins wherever they can be secured for the purpose. This is looked upon by farmers as an effort to keep down the price of seed. In case the cotton gins are placed under single control, the farmers will unite in building new gins in each of the localities where control has been temporarily secured.

INCREASE IN WAGES ON CHICAGO AND ALTON

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—The sensational movement toward higher wages, which has been sweeping the country during the last two weeks, received another impetus Friday, when the Chicago and Alton railroad announced a 12 per cent increase in pay, retroactive to November 1, for all its switch yard employees.

BEQUESTS BY MRS. HOFFMAN TO M. E. CHURCH AND HOME

The McKendree Methodist Episcopal Church is named as a beneficiary to the amount of \$100 in the will of Mrs. Martha Hoffman, dated March 23, 1905, which has been offered for probate. Mrs. Hoffman also leaves \$200 to the Methodist Home, Twelfth and N streets northwest. She makes specific bequests of money to Nellie Funk and Rhoda and Herman Blaney, all of Baltimore. The remainder of her estate Mrs. Hoffman leaves to her sister, Isabelle McMechen, and her cousin, Mrs. Carrie Handy, in equal shares.



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| \$375 Briggs Mission style, oak |\$300 |
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| \$350 Huntington, large mah. |\$275 |
| \$300 Huntington, med., mah. |\$250 |
| \$350 Droop, mah., large |\$285 |
| \$500 Gabler, concert upright, large |\$425 |

DEAR PUBLIC:

Yesterday marked the 49th anniversary of my association with the music trade of this city. During all these years it has been my aim to serve you faithfully, and it is my fond hope that I may be permitted to round out half a century of usefulness among those whose generous support and loyal friendship have added so much in making my life one of success and happiness.

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| 7 1-3-oct. Droop, mahogany | ...\$250 |
| 7 1-3-oct. Weber Baby Grand | ...\$225 |
| 7 1-3-oct. Weber Upright | ...\$225 |
| 7 1-3-oct. Knabe Upright | ...\$250 |
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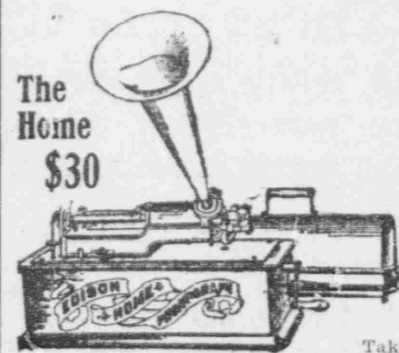
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